



# Happy St. Patrick's Day

## Foggy Bottom News

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### Foggy Bottom Revisited

By The Observer

It is the best of seasons — one of those bright Washington October mornings. The year is 2014. After a long absence, a former resident returns to Foggy Bottom to recapture the aura of her most cherished of all areas.

Leaving the Watergate complex, the lone visitor turns for one final glance while gliding up the ascending escalator. Captured under multiple domes of tinted glass, the once great open-aired concourse is now stifling and congested. Ineffective, tiny boutiques choke the former open balconies. Birds and pigeons no longer soar freely, nor peck expectantly around outdoor diners.

Shrugging off rising disappointment, the lady steps into the sunshine, determined to begin a nostalgic walking tour through the old neighborhood. Strolling to the corner, she strains to peer into the sunshine across Virginia Avenue, and barely staunches a gasp of horror. Although armed with information from her correspondents, she was not prepared for the vision of the grotesque dull-grey high rise structure occupying the grounds where the old Harris house and the lovely "octagon" house stood guard for nearly a hundred years!

With the personality of a prison block, the new building effectively shuts off all air space from this strategic tri-streeted vista. Omnipotent developers had manipulated city ordinances in order to raze the first four small homes on both 25th Street and New Hampshire Avenue to create this cumbersome, triangular monolith which appears to invade Virginia Avenue like some enemy battleship. The familiar silhouetted profile attached to the building's east side verified ownership.

All the brick sidewalks which fronted the homes on 25th Street and New Hampshire Avenue were lifted out and replaced with no-nonsense, gun-metal-grey concrete blocks. Not a tree nor bush dared to thrive in such hostile environment.

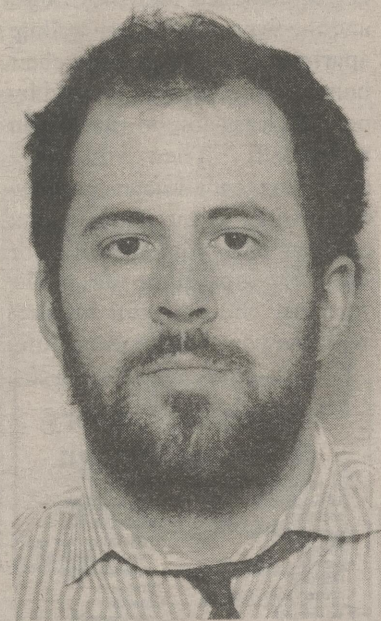
The lady pauses at the approach to New Hampshire Avenue — unable to repress a deep sense of sadness with the disappearance of so many private homes. Gone were the little houses with tiny front yards, so callously incorporated into that ponderous grey edifice on the corner. The woman recalled an article in the *Foggy Bottom News* that suggested a walk past this very stretch of former homes. Even then — more than 25 years ago — there was an attempt to call attention to progressive carelessness by indifferent residents and owners.

The visitor fought to retain her composure as she assessed the carnage to the next three homes. Allowed to remain "intact," they were redesigned to be an extension of the abomination which dominated the corner. Also grey with black shutters, the small houses were now dormitories.

Strange cloth banners hung from the windows and all manner of vehicular conveyance was strewn over the front yards. No fences divided the properties, and here, too, flowers, brick walk-

### Post Reporter at February Meeting

At the February meeting, we welcome "back" to the neighborhood Michael Abramowitz, the *Washington Post* staff writer who recently wrote a feature about the Foggy Bottom area. The article, one of the "Where We Live" series, stressed the neighborhood's concern for the preservation of its residential character, in addition to touching on its history. Shortly after the article appeared, Mike's byline was seen regularly on the lead *Post* stories about the arrest of Mayor Marion Barry.



Abramowitz, who lives on Q Street just north of our area, regularly covers the District of Columbia matters, including City Council, Statehood and other city political issues.

ways and soil were removed to make way for the splatter of black top or little loose stones.

Owners of the next two homes  
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### Foggy Bottom Association MEETING

Speaker:

**MICHAEL ABRAMOWITZ**

Washington Post Staff Writer

8:00 P.M. Monday  
February 26, 1990

St. Paul's Parish House  
2430 K Street, N.W.

### Tax Credit for Condo/co-op Trash Collection Supported

On February 1 Sue Schumacher, representing the Letterman House Condominium Association board, testified before Councilman John Wilson's Committee on Finance and Revenue in favor of Bill 8-20, the "Condominium & Cooperative Trash Collection Tax Credit Act of 1989." This bill if enacted would allow a tax credit to condo & co-op owners (the bulk of Foggy Bottom residents) who have their trash collected by private contractors. Because the District does not collect trash from buildings with four or more units, these owners pay twice for the service, once via property tax and second via their condo or co-op fee. The bill was originally introduced by Councilmember Nadine Winter.

The testimony addressed the increased costs condos & co-ops are now facing because of the

District's Recycling Law. She stated that at the Letterman House the cost had gone up 25% to cover the additional collection requirements. Schumacher, also ANC2-A06 Commissioner, stressed that it really isn't fair for the condo & co-op owners to pay twice for the same service.

Others testifying included Mr. Laurens Ayyazian, President of the Association of District of Columbia Condominium Boards. He pointed out that Alexandria, Virginia has a rebate program where twice a year funds based on per-unit figures are rebated to condo & co-op boards to be applied to their trash collection costs.

Councilman Wilson indicated that there will be some sort of a bill passed this year, but whether it will be a tax credit or a tax rebate has not been decided.



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## LETTERS . . . .

Re: *Where We Live*,  
 Washington Post, 1/13/90

Good luck to you in your battle against further changes in your Foggy Bottom neighborhood. I was born and brought up in Manhattan in the thirties, and I know that middle-class people cannot be happy living in a city unless that city is made up of a congerie of distinctive neighborhoods, catering to the economic needs and the tastes of a variety of people.

Luckily, I had parents who liked to sightsee in the five boroughs of New York City. They were appalled when neighborhoods were eradicated to make way for subsidized public housing — in the name of do-goodism, yet. The contractors (I think Donald Trump's father was one) made a bundle but they created grim and enormous crime centers, in which respectable families are kept hostage. Decayed neighborhoods should have been rebuilt on a small scale, with all landmarks and amenities preserved, and perhaps a 5% or 10% increase in population. We would have saved money in the long run if we had catered to the needs of stable populations. The city would not have become the exclusive preserve of the poor and the super-rich.

Gentrification has also ruined city neighborhoods for the middle-class; most of the rich don't patronize local stores on a daily basis, and they don't let their kids walk to the local school or play games in the streets at night. Pretty soon more middle class people get discouraged and move out, and the five- and six-story walkup apartments that had been their homes for decades are flooded by persons least able to manage in urban life. Then you have something that is known, possibly nationwide, as the South Bronx or what have you. One way or another, upscaling or transforming, the powerful builders will ruin your neighborhood life.

I had many friends in the southern part of the Bronx when the neighborhoods had good, old picturesque New York names. I visited them using the subway system, and I returned on that same subway system, late at night, to get back to my own neighborhood near Fort Tryon Park.

When we moved to the suburbs we gave up many things, but for me the pleasures of walking and the pleasures of seeing the changing seasons in parks and woodlands top the list.

I spend over a hundred dollars a month on gas and all I'm doing is grocery shopping and dropping people off and picking them up at the Metro. When my children were younger, I tried to take them on excursions to the city such as the waterlily display near Kenilworth Avenue and other great parks. Everything had to be planned in advance like a bank holdup, and before the trip was half over, we were all exhausted and cranky.

You get more living space in the suburbs and you have a back yard, but you are trapped in that back yard, and you have to get on beltways to get to a different and hence beguiling environment.

I hope you get citywide support in your fight. Don't let the officials allow the builders to entomb or demolish your neighborhood, as they have done all over this country (and have pocketed their millions and retired to fancy enclaves). I hope you can persuade the news people of the importance of this fight.

Sonia Blackwell  
 Gaithersburg

Chancellor  
 George Washington Univ.

Several of the streets lights are out on the Plaza on Eye Street

between 23rd and 24th.

I am told by the DC government GWU was assigned responsibility for this area when, on GWU's petition, the street was closed.

I have reported times beyond number outages on street lighting in this one block with shrubbery capable of hiding a mugger.

When the inevitable mugging or rape occurs I will be most happy to testify to this effect when the victim seeks redress in a civil suit.

Jerome K. Eldridge

Dear Mr. Eldridge

I am in receipt of your letter to the "Chancellor" of George Washington University concerning lighting on the Plaza between 23rd and 24th streets and have referred it to Vice President Charles Diehl, under whose jurisdiction these matters fall.

Although I cannot respond to your comment about having reported street light outages, I can tell you that our Physical Plant Department is ordinarily quite attentive to these matters. I am sure that Vice President Diehl will ensure that such is the case with that area.

Susan B. Kaplan  
 Special Assistant to the President

Ms. Kaplan:

Obviously your Physical Plant Department does not venture out after dark. Tonight (11/13) I counted nine lights out — a majority. Come down from that Ivory Tower, Ms. Kaplan, and meet the real world.

J.K. Eldridge

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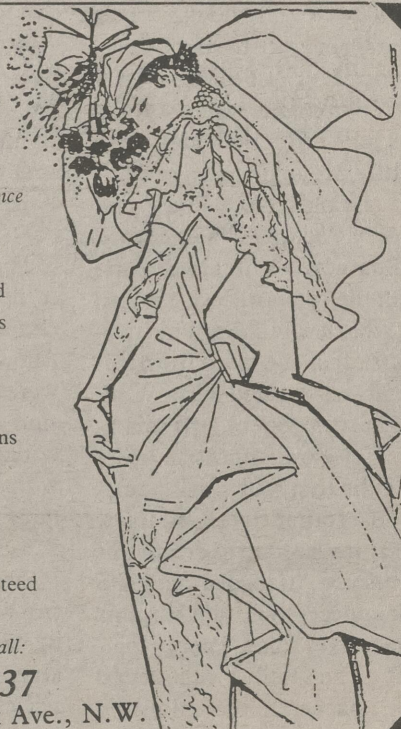
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## AND MORE LETTERS

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the January 1990 issue just received, and the Happy President's Day greeting. Lincoln's Birthday should be of special interest to Foggy Bottom residents, since the Lincoln Memorial is on our southwest boundary.

According to the publication "Washington Ghosts," Lincoln's spirit still lives in the White House, on our eastern border, and has been seen there by various people, including the Queen of Holland.

In honor of Lincoln's Birthday, following is an excerpt from a book about him, "The Humorous Mr. Lincoln," by Kenneth W. Jennison. Secretary Stanton described a cabinet meeting at the White House on September 22, 1862, as follows: "I had a sudden and peremptory call to a meeting at the White House. I went immediately to the White House, entered the room, and found the historic War Cabinet of Abraham Lincoln assembled. The President hardly noticed me as I came. He was reading a book of some kind, which seemed to amuse him. It was a little book. He finally turned to us and said: 'Gentlemen, did you ever read anything from Artemus Ward? Let me read you a chapter that is very funny.'

"Not a member of the Cabinet smiled. As for myself, I was angry and looked to see what the President meant. It seemed to me like buffoonery. He, however, read us a chapter of Artemus Ward and

laughed heartily, without a single member of the Cabinet joining in the laughter. He heaved a long sigh and said, 'Gentlemen, why don't you laugh? With the fearful strain that is on me day and night, if I did not laugh I should die, and you need this medicine as much as I do.'

"Whereupon President Lincoln informed his Cabinet of his intention to issue the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, which he read to the Cabinet at the meeting in September 1862."

Mrs. Thomas G. Fleming

To the Editor:

I have been a resident in the Foggy Bottom area for over 5 years, and for at least the past 4 years I have promised myself to write this letter; finally, I am so fed up that I cannot contain myself any longer.

You folks have the mewling, whining nerve to list all the crimes that occur in the Foggy Bottom area — did you ever think to responsibly train those morons you have deliver your useless paper rag??? Nearly uniformly, with a number of exceptions that I can count on the fingers of 1/2 a hand, the delivery of the Foggy Bottom News has been the typical tip-off that the average criminal uses to see if the residents have been home yet, namely, leaving it (the paper) in plain view for anyone to see whether or not it has been picked up. Despite our door having an extremely accessible mailslot, viz., the postman even manages to get the mail through it, your stupid paper seems to always end up, at best, 1/2 stuck through the screen, 1/2 stuck through the mailslot, 1/2

under the doorsill, or the latest insult, dropped on our front landing, left either to act as a sign that we have not yet returned home, or to blow all over the mews, leaving a fine mess.

Will you folks please wake up and either:

- (1) get the people (loosely speaking) you use to deliver the paper (again loosely speaking) to place the paper so that once they leave it is out of sight;
- (2) stop bothering to list all the crimes in the area, since your paper is not doing much to combat the situation; or,
- (3) stop littering our doorstep with your publication!!!!

Really, how *could* you be so blind????

To Anonymous Resident:

I do not agree that our deliverers are morons, nor that the *News* is a "useless paper rag." Even this complaining letter-writer has read it at least occasionally!

Have to admit one of the points is well taken. It is possible that the leaving of the paper alerts to "no one at home." We'll make every effort to have those who deliver the *News* make sure they are left where they are not obvious. I'm glad to have been alerted to the problem.

I hope the letter-writer is aware of this editor's campaigns to persuade UPS and PEPCO to correct their leaving of "tip-off" notices. My latest campaign is to persuade the Fire Department to disguise their bright orange door hangers reminding residents of the availability of their safety survey. Talk about a tip-off!

**CORRECTION:** The masthead of the last issue of the *News* mistakenly read "January 1990." It was really the February issue — for those who keep track of such things! *Ed.*

## West End Library Welcomes New Staff

The D.C. Public Library announces that two new professional staff members have joined the West End Branch. They are **Diane Mohr** as Branch Librarian, and **Betsy Fowler** as the Children's Librarian.

Ms. Mohr, who replaces the recently retired Laird Horrell, was formerly a sociology specialist at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library. She relocated to the District two and a half years ago after working a number of years as a senior librarian with the Los Angeles County Public Library system. Her M.L.S. degree was earned at the University of Southern California in 1978.

Mrs. Fowler was appointed to the branch in December, 1989.

She received her M.L.S. degree from Catholic University in 1989. This is not only her first position as a children's librarian, but her first experience in a public library, having worked previously in private law firms in the city. She looks forward to working with day care centers, schools and community organizations to provide children with exposure to books.

Both Mohr and Fowler invite residents to come in or call the branch if there is any way the staff can help with information, programs or readers' advisory service. The number is 727-1397; the library is located at 24th & L Streets, N.W.

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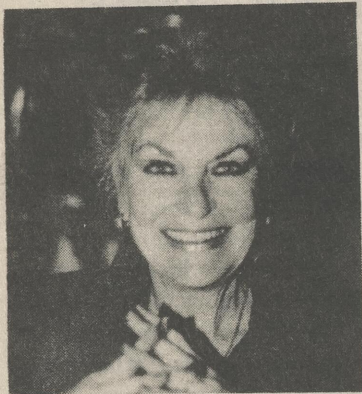
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# Sidewalk Talk

By Betty Olsen



The Arts Club of Washington celebrated Mardi Gras at the Club with a Jazz Brunch with all the jazz that goes with such a jazzy occasion.

George Washington University held Career Night on campus with various careers highlighted recently. A panel discussion on Careers in Broadcasting was well attended with a panel of **Holland Cooke**, operations manager of WTOP News-Radio-15, **Patrice Jordan**, Executive Producer of News Channel 5, **Grant Winter**, GWU grad of ABC News; **Mike Fox**, photographer-editor of WUSA Channel 9; **Tom Kierein**, Channel 4 weatherman, and our own **Kirsten Olsen**, newswriter and field producer of Channel 5's Ten O'Clock News. They were on hand to tell "how to do it" to a group of GWU students getting ready to hit the trail. The group walked over to Marshall's afterward to discuss their own careers and to hear of Cooke's June wedding. Best Wishes!

Speaking of news... heard that **Doreen Gentzler**, Channel 4 anchor, who lives in Foggy Bottom, is a reader of the *Foggy Bottom News*.

**Debbie** and **Bill Zelinka** are going to INDONESIA and Bali or the other way around this spring. Debbie is going to take the children to their place at Miami

Beach first to rest up for the Pacific trip soon after. I offered to go along to carry a spear and press Debbie's sarong, but...

**Milton Carroll**, professor of GWU's Graduate School in Public Policy, is recuperating from surgery in his renovated townhouse. Met him on the sidewalks of Foggy Bottom and he invited me into see all the changes — changes? He had the townhouse rebuilt last year. A fireplace was added, recessed lighting was put effectively everywhere, a big, BIG arched window was set in overlooking his back terrace and a full kitchen was relocated to the lower level from a galley type that had been upstairs. All in all he had 14 feet added which includes a new master bedroom and bath and a favorite of mine, a storage area, right here in Foggy Bottom, a space that is really set aside just for storage. Can you imagine having a place for all those things now under your bed, couch, chest, etc.? It was unbelievable. To compliment all the decor he has lots and lots of books everywhere adding a professorial touch to his decorating.

When I stopped by quite a while ago when the townhouse was for sale I met the contractor, Mr. Barnes, and I had remembered the place perfectly, partly because of this man. He said that he had given his business card to someone in Foggy Bottom, while he was doing this work for Mr. Carroll, and it said, "Barnes Construction" and the person said, "That's funny, I wouldn't think that there are that many barns constructed in this area." Now which one of you said that?

Did you read Genevieve German's "Incident" in the

February issue? I thoroughly enjoyed it, Genevieve; write another, then another, for the *Foggy Bottom News* soon.

Have you heard the bells at 12 noon at St. Paul's Parish lately? They are actually on time now.

**Eddie Lenkin** and wife, **Katherine**, are expecting their first child within a few months and are looking forward to moving into their Bethesda home. But in the meantime they are moving from a Foggy Bottom townhouse to a luxurious condo on M Street while their home is being readied.

**Henrietta Zoltrow** tells me that she took to show her boss a copy of her "Yesterday" feature published in the *Foggy Bottom News* last month. Much to her chagrin and pleasure the boss posted it on the office bulletin board where all of the 95 employees could read it. Someone said, "I didn't recognize you with dark hair." To which Zoltrow replied, "Didn't you know that when you're young your hair is dark and then as you grow older it becomes blonde like mine?" Zoltrow also told me that her sergeant stripes didn't show in our publication and someone decided that she looked like a captain in her uniform... still waiting for her reply to that one.

Ja-mai-ca — **Mike Stevenson** — is visiting these days as I write. Being with the airlines certainly has advantages.

**Bernice Friedlander** is off on the weekends to New Jersey to see her mother who is recuperating from an automobile accident. "She is coming along nicely, thank you," Bernice says, "and will probably be up to visiting in Foggy Bottom come spring or perhaps summer."

We've always known it, but it's nice to be reminded about how interesting FBA members are. Some of these are members of the U.S. military, including a high-ranking couple. Residing on 24th Street are **Lt. Col. Jane Hudak** and her husband **Lt. Col. Ronald Hudak**. They both appear in FBA's 1979 membership records as Majors Hudak.

Two other retired officers who appear in this year's membership roster — and back a few years as well — are **Commander Margaret Mayes** of Potomac Plaza, and **Major Stephen Lott** who lives on 21st Street.

When **Charles ("Puff")** and **Susan Puffenbarger** moved into their new townhouse last spring they thought, "We won't have a spring garden this year; it's too late to plant." So imagine their pleasure when they found that others who had lived there before planned ahead for them. Soon tulips, daffodils, etc. were popping up everywhere for them and us to enjoy. Notice them at their Eye Street address soon.

**Thelma Wright** and I were visiting in line the other day at Safeway behind a woman who had shopped for a month, so we spent the time constructively and got to know each other. Interesting woman who has volunteered at the Red Cross cutting out garments for those who are in need, for 22 years. "I cut pajamas, baby gowns, dresses, clothing for everybody, must have cut in the thousands by now," she replied. Her other volunteer work is at the Smithsonian, answering the phones and finding the right person to help the ones who call in. "The other" day I found the right person at the right time for a woman in Russia who was calling," she said. Wright lives in Columbia Plaza with her husband and proudly announced that she is almost 80 years old and feeling fine. That was certainly the way she made me feel as the line moved on and we moved up to pay for our groceries.

Ran into **Greg Hartten** at the Safeway at Watergate also. His daughter, **Allison**, was our Valentine last month. "When I showed her the picture she laughed with glee pointing right at herself," he exclaimed.

What interesting internships **Amy Tress** and **Jennie Silverstein**, seniors at George

Washington University, have had. Both are journalism majors and are graduating this year with a string of credits from work in the D.C. area, one of the many benefits of attending GWU. Tress worked on the advance team of the last presidential election and spent time in Atlanta and New Orleans and is now working for Kiplinger's Newsletter just a few blocks away from school so she walks to and fro. Silverstein has worked on Dossier magazine, USA Today, Channel 4, and is now with Nightwatch. Both are from Philadelphia and just love Foggy Bottom and the D.C. area. The women came to visit me on a project they are doing for a journalism class at GWU to ask me about my feelings about The Bottom, but as I told them as they were leaving, they could have written the article without me, because they think the same wonderful things that I do about our neighborhood.



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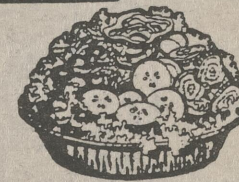
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## U.S. Census Bureau Puts Out "Help Wanted" Notice

The U.S. Census Bureau is searching for employees to help with one of the nation's most important socio-economic endeavors, the 1990 census of population and housing.

The temporary jobs will last five to eight weeks and will primarily involve follow-up visits made necessary because some households will not mail back their census questionnaires on or before the required April 1 deadline — Census Day. There are some office jobs available too.

Nearly a half-million Americans must answer their nation's call for help before census operations conclude early next fall. The once-a-decade effort is the federal government's largest peace-time operation. The first census was conducted in 1790 and it took just 650 people to count the nation's 3.9 million residents. The Census Bureau estimates the 1990 count will stand at 250 million people and about 106 million housing units.

"Our biggest challenge will be hiring enough people when and where we need them," said William F. Hill, Regional Director of the U.S. Census Bureau. "We need people from literally every community and every neighborhood to help us."

He added that hiring census takers has always been a challenge since the jobs are temporary. However, several changes over the last two decades has made the task even more burdensome. For one, housewives wanting to earn extra family income were once a huge source of census takers, but the growing number of two wage-earner and single-parent households has meant a greatly depleted pool of potential applicants.

Also, the number of housing units, the census' primary workload factor, is increasing at a much faster rate than the overall population. Between 1970 and 1980, the population grew 11 percent while the number of housing units grew 28 percent. By 1990, the number of housing units will have increased another 22 per-

cent, with the population increasing just over 10 percent.

To help ease the hiring burden, Congress passed legislation last August that will allow military and civilian federal retirees to take a temporary census job without having an effect on their retirement benefits as required by previous law.

In addition, the Census Bureau is working with state employment services offices in every state to get referrals, and is also seeking help from elected officials, local governments, community organizations and the mass media.

Applicants will need to pass a short written test and must be United States citizens. They should be at least 18 years old, although younger persons may be considered at age 16 if they meet conditions of employment set by state and local laws, are high school graduates, or have equivalent education or work experience. The test takes about a half hour and is designed to check simple math skills, basic map reading and ability to follow instructions.

Depending on the type of position, the jobs pay from \$5.00 to \$8.50 per hour, and census field workers will be reimbursed 24 cents per mile for automobile expenses.

The challenge is great and the stakes are high for every community. Results from the 1990 census will be used to reapportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, state legislatures, and many local governing bodies, e.g., City Council and ANC's. Census statistics also play a key role in the distribution of federal and state funds for local programs ranging from education, health and child care to transportation, housing and environmental protection. Governments and businesses also use census numbers to plan new or expanded facilities ranging from schools to shopping centers.

Persons interested in information about temporary census employment should call 737-4192.

## News Notes

### Shelters at 27th & Eye

A petition by owners of Watergate apartments and others to stop the opening of the 27th & Eye shelters was rejected by U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch. At this writing, the shelters are not yet being used. There are reports that arrangements are being made to bus the homeless people to the shelters each evening and bus them out again in the morning.

### President Apartments Residents Sue GWU

Two residents of The President Condominium have brought suit against GWU and an individual the plaintiffs state sold an apartment to the University illegally. William Buchanan and James Draude contend that a Sergius Gambel bought an apartment and then transferred title to it to the University, violating the condominium bylaws which prohibit the sale of any unit to the George Washington University.

### Elections Cancellation Notices Sent to D.C. Voters

The D.C. board of Elections has mailed cancellation notices to 5,573 District voters who have not cast a ballot for four years, as part of the annual purge of inactive records required by D.C. law. To remain registered, a voter who receives a Cancellation Notice must sign a statement on the notification card and mail it to the Board of Elections within 30 days—by March 2nd. In Ward 2, notices were sent to 522 persons, or 1.6% of the 31,696 registered voters.

### Caller ID is Approved

The Public Service Commission appears to have approved service which allows telephone customers, via a device, to identify the number from which an incoming call is coming. The pros and cons appeared in the February News; ads for the service are now being run by C&P.

### FBA Member Jim Champagne at February Meeting

Republican Jim Champagne, who announced his candidacy for the post of D.C. Congressional Delegate in January, will appear at the next FBA meeting on February 26th and make brief remarks.

Champagne, a 46-year old veteran politician, is a member of FBA. He is on record as saying that the incumbent D.C. Dele-

gate has failed to deploy the resources of his office on behalf on Washingtonians.

Champagne has pledged his "considerable experience in both problem solving and policy development to all Washingtonians in an effort to bring effective leadership, ethical government and enlightened representation to D.C."

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If you are a federal retiree, any salary you receive will not affect any income that you may be receiving now . . . such as retirement, Social Security, etc. (See article elsewhere in this issue).

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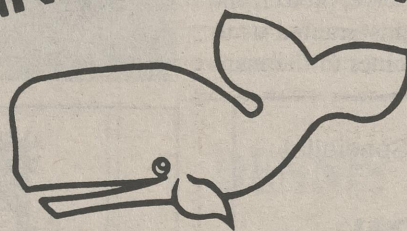
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appeared to be persevering in the struggle to maintain a residential profile — as were those landlords in houses beyond the Intrigue as far as Eye Street. Her uplifted morale was short-lived when she crossed Eye and stopped to observe the status of that memorable unbroken vista of tidy little homes.

The former "Bottomite" knew the houses on the left were merely false facades fronting dense living quarters for students. Curb tree boxes were totally obliterated by asphalt or patches of cement. Trashbags, boxes and discarded cans were strewn in front of most dwellings.



As she strolled past familiar homes that once housed friends of another time, the lady imagines she hears the snipping of shears, or small weedeaters trimming the grass along the curbs that attractively graced their houses. Those caring people who added so much beauty to the environment for so many years were simply unable to cope with the metastasis of Foggy Bottom and finally left the area.

Walking toward 25th Street renewed the woman's old nostalgia to fight for the preservation of these historic homes. It could have been done if only the residents united firmly against their main adversary.

At the corner of 25th and Eye Streets the thoroughly disallu-

sioned visitor stopped for long moments, considering the lately built eight-storied apartment building which replaced the garden type units that existed as late as the 80's. Owners succumbed to the ritualistic drumbeat of high finance, then broke ground to make way for what is called "Fritz's Folly." This corner, so often flooded due to backed-up sewers, has caused the building to sink and tilt to one side.

On the other side of the street, owners of those homes fought an uphill battle to insure against student takeover and to retain their rightful code for single family dwellings. Petitions plus assistance from interested out-of-staters held the developers at bay.

(The visiting traveler clearly recalls the group of touring journalists — who were outraged by the visual assault on Foggy Bottom — and wrote about it in their hometown newspapers.)

Contractors had been drooling over the 900 house for years. Strong-willed residents exemplified dedication to the highest degree resulting in the preservation of the corner as well as their own homes.

The same willpower spilled over to the 2500 block of Eye Street — all the way to 26th! Informants had described the almost futile attempts by riled citizens to "preserve, protect, and uphold" all rights granted us to maintain our homes in the man-

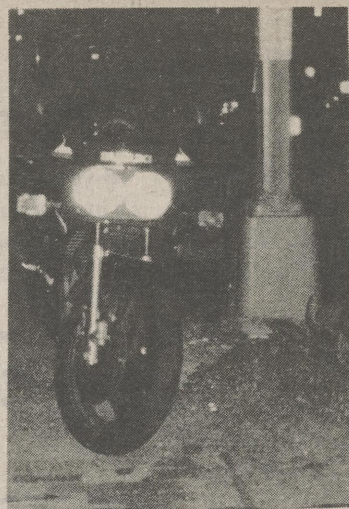
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ner suitable to historic designation. This last "outpost" of lower Foggy Bottom proves to all who walk by just what a united front can accomplish.

Truly of another century, all homes bore the stamp of Old Williamsburg. Renovations enhanced the beauty of this always lovely expanse of well-kept homes, closed now to other than single owner, single family and working couples; all students and all non-voting individuals are legally barred. Continual monitoring of properties by active residents has succeeded in preserving this area in the manner for which it was intended.

Rounding the corner at 26th Street, the ex-resident notes the professionally manicured greenery around the unique 901 house, as well as the parking area across the street. Slowly she strolled over to the small park where one often saw pedestrians and nearby residents sitting a moment — getting acquainted, or exercising their dogs. Overwhelmed with emotional memories, the lady winced at group of students draped over the benches, their food bags and discarded cans at their feet.

Most of them resided in the "all-student" apartment building. For their convenience the playground is now a parking lot. (With the exodus of young families who no longer found Foggy Bottom a cultural place to



raise children, there seemed to be no need for a playground.) Speeding cars and motorcycles compounded the danger to children.

Before crossing to Queen Anne's Lane, the observant woman peers toward the bricked-up pedestrian underpass. Rather than reinforce the crumbling structure to ensure safe passage through the convenient shortcut, it was easier to block it off completely — one more space barred to the public.

Queen Anne's Lane remained intact, much to the viewer's delight. Homes were well tended; the environment neat and orderly. Residents had already begun to schedule hearings to demand that owners lease to long-term residents *only* in the apartment building.

Also untouched by the silhouetted profile, Hughes Mews proudly wore its old time charm.

The woman braced herself for the final, most crucial of her observations: Snows Court — the enclave of homes so embattled by an indifferent administration and indifferent owners, who fought those residents seeking only their deserved rights. So many battles lost — a few skirmishes won.

Informants correctly described the rape of the entire strip of homes at the entrance to Snows Court. Copying the University practice of retaining original facades, St. Paul's (the new owner of the properties) razed the homes leaving the fronts intact — including the stairways. Behind is a three-level expanded parking lot for the church. (Automobiles are much more important than people)

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The residents *did* win on one important fiasco: The black asphalt was lifted off the Court's roadways. "Mrs. X" smiled enigmatically at the well-remembered "bouncing ball act" by Department of Public Works and the unit responsible for street design. Fighting for nearly 10 years, weary residents finally gained a major compromise. Except for the entrance to Snows Court (which is paved with white sand stone cement) the remainder of the alleyways had been chiseled down to the originally brick roads. The administration agreed the roads were now a big improvement. Present owners guarded the care of those lovely old bricks with zealous pride.

Passing what had been house #7, the woman stands motionless; takes a deep breath; then slowly approaches the large building which replaced the tiny row houses that represented thirteen homes. Not unpleasant after all, "Snows Court Villas" boasts four exposures to each condo unit (thanks to the talents of Canadian architects and the persistence of two owners who still reside there). Only three stories high, the red brick complex formed a chunky well-spaced system of residences which jutted stair like from the central *original* walkway.

Window boxes overflowed with bright autumn flowers. Shuttered windows, lanterns at each doorway, and iron-gated balconies make this the most attractive of recently built structures in all of Foggy Bottom.

The "Great Wall" behind the St. James Hotel is beautiful, camouflaged with thick foliage planted there by outraged

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residents many years ago. Continuing around the complex the touring lady sighs contentedly at the changes which included legal parking spaces!

(Following the tragic fire which destroyed 3 homes facing 24th Street, residents of Snows Court Villas fought and won the right to buy those properties which they converted into attractive covered private spaces.)

### END OF TOUR

Impossible! you say? Let's consider the facts: G.W. University owns nearly three-fourths of prime land in Foggy Bottom. Possibly the most well-endowed school in the East, G.W. is capable of out-purchasing any buyer interested in Foggy Bottom.

Absentee owners who allow their agents to lease to groups of students — without ever supervising the upkeep — will eventually find their homes in shambles. Interested buyers, aghast at the selling price with so much restoration needed, lose their interest quickly. Owners with no interest in preserving the area will sell to an agent representing the University. Ergo! another addition to the University's real estate empire.

No one understands why they don't build dorms, or even townhouses for their students even if it means building in the suburbs. Why do these young people have to live so close to the school while *working* people are forced into the suburbs? Many schools have living quarters way off campus with shuttle buses to transport students. It may be a solution here.

Face it: students march to a different drum — and they should. It's an important phase of their lives. Parties, pranks, wall-shaking music, and speed driving

is part of the phase — but they need to live among their own and away from residential districts where concerned citizens are trying to maintain orderly living — citizens who care about their homes and environment. Some residents complain of harassment and vandalism by their student neighbors.

A survey of campuses reveals that only 20% of the students kept their own personal surroundings neat and orderly. Less than 0.5% cared anything about the environment of the neighborhood. Married students comprised most of those who cooperated.

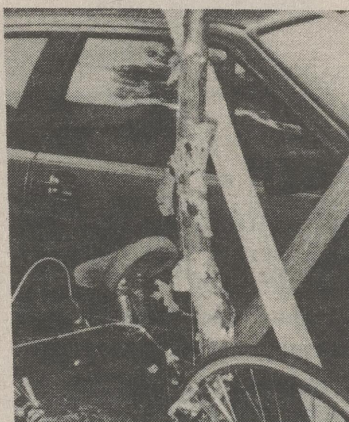
If a house harbors six students, there are six vehicles to park *somewhere*. It's no matter how illegal, they'll just park it. Two that we know of park their motorcycles on the sidewalk or front yard! Our streets are cluttered with bumper-to-bumper parking except during long school holidays. (Some of us stay in town just to enjoy the peace.)

Many students will not adhere to our little laws nor our trash



maintenance ordinances. If we allow it, they will destroy the entire area. We are reduced to a mere 6 blocks. Let's keep it for ourselves.

Bicycles are tethered to any-



thing (including newly planted young trees) or tossed carelessly over flower beds along the curbs. Nothing detracts from a neighborhood more than a stretch of dismantled bicycles hanging from a street sign (although there are rear patios on which to store the bikes).

With renewed interest in our plight of a shrinking residential neighborhood, it is possible to get cooperation from the city about the misuse of single family homes.

Owners who lease to destructive students will be investigated — if you will circulate a petition with signatures describing the situation.

Private homes used for transient residences or offices also constitute a violation and should be reported. Mr. Wilson suggested you contact his office (to attention of Mr. Eric Jones) if you are aware of glaring infractions.

Please call the Department of Public Works to have citations issued to residents who will not follow the D.C. Code for trash maintenance.

We urge homeowners to negotiate fair rental concessions for caring individuals who would, indeed, take care of their properties, and are interested in the future of Foggy Bottom.

Create a "rent with responsibility" contract with renters to do all minor repairs, painting, and general upkeep of the entire property. Then watch our little "town" regain its former splendor.

## It's Not Too Late for Ice and Snow

*It Can Be Dangerous To Your Health*  
David A. O'Brien, D.C.

You peek out the frosted panes to glimpse the magical crystalline world left by an overnight snowfall. Bustling into boots, gloves and overcoat, you anticipate the invigorating prospect of exercising in the sparkling chill air, perhaps shoveling the walk, huffing and puffing against the challenge of the new snow, or a brisk walk, or for the adventurous, jogging along the old canal.

Of course, members of the health care system must warn you of the potential the winter season can wreak on your physique. Let me be the first to offer my unsolicited advice! Cold weather means snow and ice. Ice means treacherous footing and snow means shoveling and clearing. Let me take each in turn.

Slipping on ice can lead to a variety of sprains, strains and fractures. The severity of the injury depends on the trauma involved *and your current physical status!* Where a minor slip and catch may produce no symptoms in a strong, healthy individual, an osteoporotic (frail bones) patient may fracture a hip or pelvis with such sudden movements. Sprains and strains are common especially when one considers the fact that your muscles are already contracted and tightened in an effort to increase your body temperature. (Next time you're in a cold car, check and see how tense your back and shoulders are!)

These muscles are not in an advantageous position to protect you or react to sudden movements. And last, for those of you fortunate enough to own a few square feet of high priced D.C. sidewalk, take care when shoveling snow. The weight of wet snow, and the length of a shovel

can produce astounding amounts of pressure and torque in your lower back.

At special risk are those whose cardiovascular system is somewhat compromised. The demands on your heart and vessels to compensate for warming chilled fingers, toes, head and skin, along with the increased need for oxygenated blood in your working muscles, may trigger chest pain, angina attacks, or ischemic attacks in the heart.

And now for the world of wisdom that always follows such dire predictions about your health . . . (What would a health column be without it?) For slippery surfaces, wear soft rubber footwear, waterproof, and two or more layers of socks (wool inside, cotton outside.) Watch for, and avoid, icy areas, especially frozen runoff from eaves or drain spouts. Warm up and stretch once before going outside and again once outside to acclimate yourself. Wear layers of clothing when exercising out of doors so that you can remove outer layers as your body temperature rises. When shoveling, switch sides occasionally so that you're not twisting always in one direction.

Use salt and sand to soften ice before removing. Also, be considerate of your neighbors. Keep in mind this old adage: "Be nice. Clear your ice."

Dr. O'Brien is a chiropractor who studied in Toronto, Canada. He has recently begun practice in Washington, D.C. at Associated Health Practitioners, 2112 F Street, N.W., Suite 103. (202) 831-4247

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## Biz Buzz

By Betty Olsen

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Isn't K Street strange-looking and strange-riding without pot-holes? The resurfacing makes you feel like you are driving some place else instead of in D.C. Now how about the other axle-breaking-bumps in the night, and day, here and there and everywhere?

**Julia Elena** has begun a new business — a personal bridal service. This is how it works — any dress that you see in a national magazine — she can order for you for 25-40% off retail. She is really excited about it. Just clip the page and note the magazine and call 745-0037 or drop by to see her at 3133 Connecticut Avenue, NW in Cleveland Park's Kennedy-Warren. Her hours are 10 to 6 p.m. Monday-Fridays and on Saturday 9-2 p.m. Call for an appointment.

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Rock Creek Park is celebrating its centennial year with lots of tours, hikes and other events. For free fun with the National Park Service at The Nature Center located at 5200 Glover Road, N.W., call 426-6829 between 9 and 5 p.m. daily for more information. Scheduled for this Sunday, February 25th is a short stroll through Rock Creek Park where you'll learn about the numerous bridges and access ways there. A discussion of mills along the creek will also be discussed. Meet at Beach Drive and Broad Branch Road N.W. (Picnic Grove #27) at 11 in the morning.

According to John Naisbitt's "Trend Letter," business opportunities await you in Albuquerque, N.M., Baltimore, Columbus, Ohio, Norfolk, Va., Oak-

land, Pittsburgh, Portland, Maine, Seattle, Dallas and . . . Washington, DC.

**Stephen Joel Trachtenberg** was announced as a new member of the board of directors of the American Security Bank this past year. Trachtenberg is the 15th president of George Washington University.

**David Schwarz**, architect of The Griffin in Foggy Bottom, has recently been applauded for his design of The Saratoga on Connecticut Avenue.

The James Monroe Society, serving as a cultural and social group within the Arts Club of Washington, will be established this year. Its major purpose is to collect, preserve and diffuse knowledge pertaining to President Monroe. It is the intention of the committee to initiate a cooperative effort with other Monroe-related organizations. Special events will also be promoted such as an annual dinner commemorating the birthday of President Monroe. The Chair of the committee is **Linda Ancher** and **Lee Langston-Harrison** is her Co-Chair. For more information you may telephone Mrs. Ancher at 829-2160.

**Paul Yohai** of Watergate Wine & Beverage is a certified sommelier. "What is a sommelier?"

you ask. Glad you asked so I can impart to you my new-found knowledge. A sommelier is one who trains in the selection of the best wines with meals. In Yohai's case he studied with the best — Alexis Lichine and Sacha, his son. Lichine was thought to be responsible for introducing wine to this country after World War II when imported wines were first brought on a grand scale to the States.

I asked Yohai if he had a little cup worn on a chain around the neck and if he did where did that practice originate? He told me, interestingly, that it was from the vineyard and cellar visits that you make, generally as a guest of someone like Lichine. In Burgundy you have to bring your own cup; in Bordeaux they give you a glass to sample the wines so yes, he has a cup. "Generally the cups were Sterling silver, but most today are silverplated," he added. Yohai is on duty to meet, greet

and advise you at Watergate Wine and Beverage throughout the week. Their hours are listed in their ad elsewhere in the *News*.

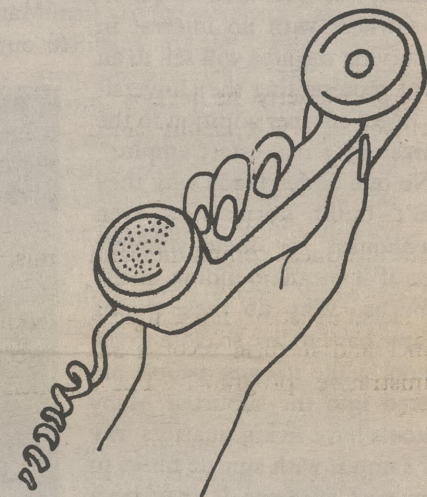
**Chris Lamb** is the new billing person for the *Foggy Bottom News*. "Thanks, Chris." See you soon.

**Henry B. Fox, M.D.**, has joined the staff of the Washington Internal Medicine Group, P.C. Dr. Fox is Board Certified in Oncology/Hematology and Internal Medicine. He has been a member of the faculty of Tufts Medical School and Stanford University. In 1978, he completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, and a Fellowship in Hematology and Oncology at Tufts New England Medical Center, Boston.

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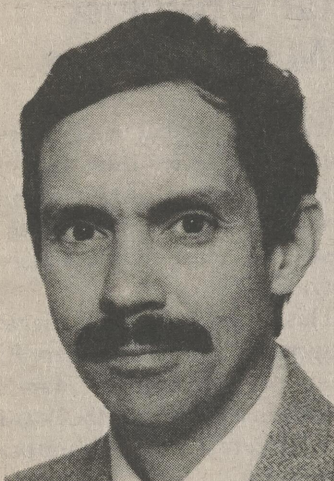
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## Noted Geriatrician Heads GWUMC Department

L. Gregory Pawlson, M.D., has been appointed chairman of the department of health care sciences at The George Washington University Medical Center. An authority on health and health policy issues affecting America's elderly, he has been a member of GW's faculty since 1976.

As chairman, Pawlson will oversee programs in primary care, medical ethics, community and preventive medicine and the physician assistant, nurse practitioner and medical records administrative programs. These areas include geriatrics, adult medicine, pediatrics and mental health clinical primary care programs.

## Trying to Keep Foggy Bottom Beautiful

Some of the residents of FB who leave their trash and garbage out in front of their homes at the wrong times have been fined. Trash attracts rodents and is an eyesore on our streets.

Remember — pickups are Tuesday and Friday. Trash in heavy plastic bags/trash cans can be put out AFTER 5:00 p.m. on Monday (for Tuesday's collection) and Thursday (for Friday's collection).

Concerned neighbors, plus my committee members, have been checking and have found bags out on Saturday and Sunday for Tuesday's pickup. A fine of \$25.00 has been levied for infractions of the rules.

Just a reminder: our trash collection is on Tuesday and Friday. When a holiday falls on Monday, it will not be picked up on Tuesday. It will be collected on Wednesday. Those who are in the habit of putting out trash every day and *never* bring their cans in to their own patio will be reported to proper authorities.

Incidentally, newspapers for recycling are picked up one day a week, and that is on Friday only. There is a separate truck for this, but they should be placed at the same location as regular trash.

All residents are reminded to sweep leaves from the front of their houses and place them in bags for collection. They are *not* to be swept into the streets to travel to sewers and block the openings. Whether you rent or

own the home, you are responsible for maintaining all curb tree boxes including care of shrubs (they should not be more than three feet high) and removal of overgrown weeds.



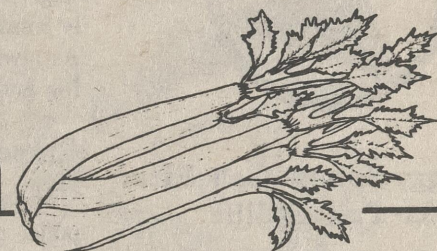
For your information, I would like to give you the names and phone numbers of my committee:

Richard Price	296-5018
Bob Slusser	333-4321
Betty Ascanassey	337-4923
and I am. . .	
Your Beautification Chairperson	
Henrietta Y. Zoltrow	342-1139

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### Parmesan Celery and Carrots (Microwave Recipe)

2 cups diagonally sliced  
celery  
1 cup thinly sliced carrots  
1 cup sliced fresh  
mushrooms

1/4 cup chopped fresh  
parsley  
2 teaspoons margarine  
2 tablespoons Parmesan  
cheese  
Freshly ground pepper

In a 1-quart microwave-safe dish, combine celery, carrots, mushrooms and parsley. Season with pepper. Dot with margarine and cover. Microwave on high 5 to 7 minutes or until celery is tender, stirring several times during cooking. Drain; add more margarine if desired. Sprinkle with cheese. Serve immediately. **Makes 4 servings.**

Nutrition information per serving: 50 calories, 2.1 g. fat, 0.1 g. sodium, 8120 IU Vit.



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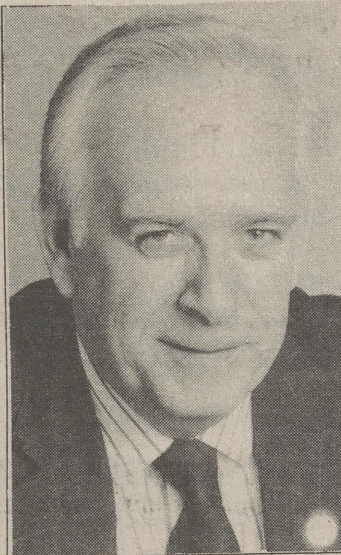
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## Crime Report & Prevention

By Lawrence G. Myslewski



### Foggy Bottom Gets Extra Police Patrols!!!!!!

You may have noticed Metropolitan Police Department officers walking along our residential streets. Relax . . . that was not a mirage you saw! **Foot patrolling has returned to Foggy Bottom.**

Three officers have been assigned to around-the-clock "scooter beats" in Foggy Bottom. You will see them "scooting", parking their scooter, and walking through the neighborhood.

Since the "scooter beat" officers do not have to respond to all of the service calls normally handled by scout cars, the officers should be able to spend more time becoming familiar with the terrain and the residents of the Foggy Bottom.

### So, Say "Hello" To . . .

Please be certain to stop and talk to Officers **John Blackmon**, **David Mizerek**, and **Craig Munro** when you see them walking or "scooting" around.

### . . . Or Call 727-4326

If you need these officers to respond to a **non-emergency** (e.g., traffic violations, disorderly conduct, etc.), **call 727-4326**. As always, you should **call 911** for emergencies.

### Crime Drops In January

Maybe it is due to the extra police patrols, or maybe our active *Neighborhood Watch Program*, or maybe even the price of cabbage in Poland, but we have just experienced remarkably **low** crime activity in January.

The following crimes were reported in and around Foggy Bottom residential areas:

#### Burglaries In Homes

1/1 943 25th St.

#### Robberies In Public Spaces

1/1 2200 L St. 9 p.m.

#### Assault With A Deadly Weapon

NONE!!!!

#### Simple Assault

None!!!!

#### Automobiles

3 cars stolen from garages /driveways

3 thefts of property from cars in parking lots/garages

Let's give "scooter beat" officers our full support. Report any suspicious activity to the Metropolitan Police Department.

## Mother's Chicken Soup

### For Whatever Ails You

#### CHICKEN AND WILD RICE SOUP

(Makes 6 servings)

1/4 lb. unsalted butter, melted  
1/2 cup flour  
1/2 cup cream  
1 cup milk  
1 box wild rice mixture (Uncle Ben's), cooked according to package directions  
6 chicken breast halves, cooked, deboned and cut or pulled into pieces

Make a white sauce out of the melted butter and flour by cooking these two ingredients over medium-high heat until the flour is cooked but not browned. This takes 3 or 4 minutes, and you must whisk the mixture the entire time to prevent burning.

Add the cream and milk, whisking constantly over the heat until all lumps are gone. If the white sauce is too thick, thin with more milk or cream, depending on your budget and figure. Add the cooked rice and the cooked chicken, stirring all over the bottom of the pan to prevent burning. Thin to the consistency of your choice. (We like it creamy and thick.)

Nutrient analysis per serving: protein, 23 grams; fat, 28 grams; carbohydrates, 30 grams; calories, 491; sodium, 730 mg.; cholesterol, 140 mg.

## Columbia Hospital Urologist to Lecture at St. Mary's Court

St. Mary's Court and Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center have announced that John F. Bresette, M.D., Chief of Urology at the Hospital, will present a lecture at St. Mary's Court at 1:30 p.m. on March 15, 1990. St. Mary's Court is located at 725 24th St. NW.

Dr. Bresette specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of incontinence. He is the Director of the Continence Center of Columbia Hospital for Women.

It is reported that one in every ten women suffer from loss of bladder control. Dr. Bresette will discuss possible causes, diagnostic methods and treatment options.

This cooperative educational lecture was arranged by Mary E. Healy, a supporter of Mary's Court and a member of the Board of Directors of Columbia Hospital.

For further information, call Columbia Hospital at 293-2048.

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sider's Look," "Theater: Backstage at *Stardust*" and "Makeup 101."

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## Neighborhood Datebook

**Monday, February 26:** Lecture, "Menopause: A Change for the Better," discussion of impact of menopause on women's health and treatment options. GWU Ambulatory Care Center, 22nd & Eye Streets, N.W., 5:45 p.m. Call 994-4614 for reservations.

**Monday, February 26:** Foggy Bottom Association meeting, St. Paul's Parish, 2430 K Street, N.W., 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 3:** Tour of the Bethune Museum-Archives, containing manuscript collection of materials pertaining to the organizational and individual contributions of black women in America. The museum is housed in a Victorian townhouse used by Mary McLeod Bethune as a residence for many years, 1318 Vermont Avenue, N.W. near Logan Circle. Historical Society of Washington members \$3.50, non-members \$5.00. Limited to 35; reservation required. Phone: 785-2068. 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Sunday, March 4:** Voice recital with GW student Marie Bowden, mezzo soprano. GWU Academic Center, Room B-120, 802 22nd Street, N.W., 3:00 p.m.

**Monday, March 5:** Opening of exhibit, "Indispensables: Pockets, Purses, Bags and Pouches," showing stylistic evolution of bags from the 18th and 19th centuries. DAR Museum Gallery, 1776 D Street, N.W., till August, 1990.

**Monday, March 5:** Opening of exhibit, "The Look," a multi-media art, literary and performing arts program, featuring drawings, painting, photography, prints, sculptures, lectures, poetry readings, and musical and dance performances. GWU Colonnade Gallery, Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, N.W., till April 6. Call 944-6555 for details.

**Monday, March 5:** Recital with John Fiorito, GWU faculty member and baritone opera singer, to benefit the University's Steiner Fund. Marvin Center Theater, 800 21st Street, N.W. Tickets required. 8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 7:** "Guatemala: A Tourist Destination," talk by Julio Fonseca, Director, Guatemala Tourist Commission. IMF Visitors Center, 700 19th Street, N.W. 1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 7:** "Home Rule Colloquy," marking the 15th year of home rule in the District. Omni Shoreham Hotel, \$10 contribution suggested; phone 347-3403 for details.

**Tuesday, March 13:** Slide lecture, "The Christian Heurich Mansion: A Reflection of Late 19th Century Popular Tastes and Trends in Domestic Design," by Candace Shireman, Site Administrator of HSW. Presented will be an overview of Mr. Heurich's residential history and his ties with the local German-American community, plus a brief survey of popular trends in late 19th century architecture and interior decoration. Conservatory, Historical Society of Washington, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Members free, non-members \$3.50; Reception, 6:00; lecture 6:30 p.m.

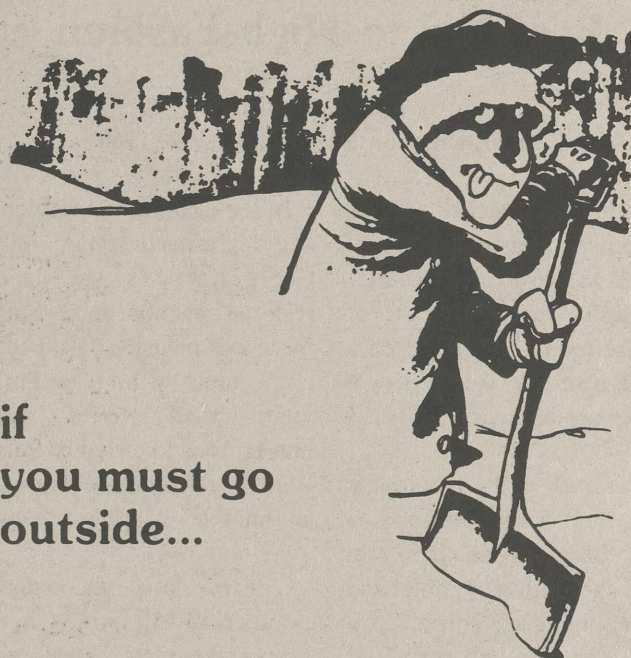
**Tuesday, March 13:** ANC-2A meeting, St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W., 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 15:** "Splendors of the Ancient Maya," talk and slide show by Alva Clarke Millian, Professor, Art History, Colorado College, on Mayan temples and royal cities, and a look at Mayan arts of ritual and kingship. IMF Visitors' Center, 700 19th Street, N.W., 1:00 p.m.

**Fridays, March 16 to April 18:** "From Court to Castle, Temple to Theater," Japanese painting of the 8th century through the 18th century, presented by Dr. Gail Weigl of Georgetown University. Lifelong Learning Program, West End Library, 24th & L Streets, N.W., 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

**Thursday, March 22:** "Guatemala's Foreign Policy," a seminar by H.E. Francisco Villagran, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the U.N. IMF Visitors' Center, 700 19th Street, N.W., 6:00 p.m.

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- **Avoid overexertion.** Cold weather itself, without any physical exertion, puts an extra strain on the heart. If you add to this the strain of heavy physical activity such as shoveling snow, pushing an automobile or even walking too fast or too far, you risk damaging your body. If you remain outside for an extended period of time, take a thermos of warm beverage with you.
- **Dress warmly** in loose fitting, layered, lightweight clothing. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent. Wear a hat. Protect your face and cover your mouth to protect your lungs from very cold air. Wear mittens instead of gloves, they allow your fingers to move freely in contact with one another and will keep your hands much warmer.
- **Watch for frostbite** and other symptoms of cold weather exposure. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, tip of nose, earlobes. If such symptoms are detected, get medical attention immediately. Do not rub with snow or ice - this does **not** help the condition, and in fact, will make it worse. The best treatment for frostbite is rewarming the affected tissue, as described under Treatment For Cold Weather Exposure on the back of this brochure.
- **Avoid alcoholic beverages.** Alcohol causes the body to lose its heat more rapidly - even though one may feel warmer after drinking alcoholic beverages.
- **Keep yourself and your clothes dry.** Change wet socks and all other wet clothing as quickly as possible to prevent loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- **If paralyzed persons or infants** must go outside in severe weather, they should be checked frequently for signs of frostbite.

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## From By-Gone Days\*

By Harold Lindstrom

### Architectural Legacies Restored to High Fashion

By Harriet Griffiths

The Washington Star - January 3, 1960

If the ghosts of ancient Greeks and Romans treasure Washington's classic government buildings and shrines, so can shades of the more recent past beam on a growing reverence for their own architectural legacies.

Practical as well as esthetic motives are behind the restoration culture flourishing in three sections of the Nation's Capital and now beginning to sprout in a fourth. Victorian and even later vintage houses are joining the harvest.

Across the Potomac River, Alexandria's woovers of antiquity enjoy the comforts of modern plumbing and air conditioning in an 18th century setting that George Washington knew.

In the Capital, the fashionable and highpriced square mile of Georgetown is the leading restored neighborhood. Sniffing the woodsmoke from its fireplaces on a quiet winter evening, a visitor easily could imagine himself back in early Federal days were it not for the late-model automobiles hugging the curbs.

The residential section north of commercial M Street is now almost completely restored in more than a quarter of a century of activity. The strip between M Street and the river, containing industrial development and some of the oldest buildings, would be most affected by future planning.

A movement that has gained steadily since World War II is the

comeback of Capitol Hill. Reclamation of once-tacky sections near the halls of Congress, along with Federal office building expansion, has erased a cliché from the exhibits of housing reformers — the picture of slums "in the very shadow of the Capitol dome."

Most of the houses standing "on the Hill" have been built since the Civil War. There were few residences there when George Washington laid the cornerstone of the Capitol in 1793. The building boom which might have been expected then never developed. Presumably, speculative land prices tended to deflect city growth from the intended easterly direction to the north and northwest.

Westward across the Mall toward Georgetown lies another, younger sphere of activity known as Foggy Bottom. Several years of restoration fever here have reclaimed and estimated 80 per cent of the late 19th century residences in the 11-block area on which the local restoration society concentrates its efforts.

Many of the houses are tiny,

some less than 13 feet wide. One reason for restoring, rather than rebuilding, even though the renovation may start from a mere brick shell, is the city's building code requiring wider frontage for new houses, therefore fewer houses in a block. Another factor is the space-consuming offstreet parking requirement for new building.

From the old gashouse district on the wrong side of the tracks, Foggy Bottom has turned into a section of increasing prestige and attraction for the sophisticated urbanite. Construction of the proposed national cultural center in the area is a crowning prospect.

The city's newest restoration society is concerned with a section off Connecticut Avenue called Kalorama Triangle. So far, about 20 of its approximately 287 houses have been refurbished. In this section of substantial homes of varied facades on curving streets, the focus is on freshening a gracious neighborhood developed largely in the first quarter of this century. In much the same way, limited areas in New York City have been restored to fashionable favor.

A strong lacing of practical consideration pervades the romanticism of the restoration movement in Washington. Besides the snob appeal, antique charm and historic distinction of the old town housing, there is the big advantage of close-in urban living.

In a city fighting the flight to suburban Maryland and Virginia, renewal of in-town neighborhoods serves to shore up a disintegrating tax base of substantial property owners. It boosts real estate values and reinvigorates the business life of the central city.

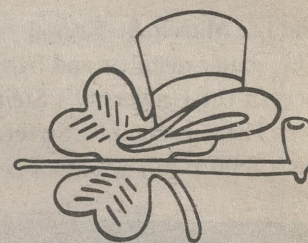
Reclamation of down-at-heels neighborhoods also reduces the cost of municipal services — police, fire and welfare, in addition to enhancing the appearance of the Capital.

Washington's restoration has had its impetus in imaginative, foresighted citizen planning. But it has had help from public protection too.

Legislation known as the Old Georgetown Act of 1950, modeled after laws designed to preserve the French Quarter of New Orleans and Beacon Hill in Boston, gives the Fine Arts Commission an advisory say in new building, remodeling and demolition in the antique sector.

While the District Commissioners have not always followed the Fine Arts Commission's advice, and conflicts with the property owner's interests have complicated its operation, the law has served as a halter on inharmonious development. The legislation is now undergoing new study.

In Foggy Bottom, Capitol Hill and Georgetown, the city's Board of Condemnation was of considerable help, as the movements gathered momentum, in ordering the amelioration of insanitary and unsafe buildings. Adoption of new housing regulations, with minimum requirements for light, ventilation and occupancy, is upgrading standards over the city.



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